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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PO

SUBJECT: PARATROOP MUTINY: SITREP NO. EIGHT

1. PORTUGUESE NEWS AGENCY (ANOP) HAS REPORTED TWO G-91 AIRCRAFT, FOUR T-6 TRAINERS, AND THREE NORDATLAS TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT WERE EN ROUTE TO LISBON. AT 8:00 PM TWO JET AIRCRAFT MADE SEVERAL PASSES OVER LISBON AND MONSANTO PARK. AT MONSANTO PARK THERE ARE NOW 22 COMMANDO ARMoured PERSONNEL CARRIERS.

2. ANOP HAS REPORTED THAT BG OTELO CARVALHO IS BEING DETAINED AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE. WE HAVE NOT YET VERIFIED THIS REPORT.

3. FROM 8:00 TO 8:20 PM EMISSORA NACIONAL (EN), STILL IN RADICAL HANDS, BROADCAST NON-STOP APPEALS FOR WORKERS TO TAKE TO THE STREETS; SOLDIERS TO SUPPORT PROGRESSIVES, ETC. ETC. EN ALSO CARRYING NUMEROUS STRIDENT, SEMI-HYSTERICAL COMMUNIQUEs FROM FAR-LEFT PARTIES CALLING UPON WORKERS TO DEFEND THE REVOLUTION  
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IN ITS MOST CRITICAL HOUR. PCP RPT PCP IS CALLING UPON ALL

WORKERS TO GO TO THEIR NORMAL PLACES OF WORK AND STAND BY.

4. COMMENT: SITUATION IN DOWNTOWN LISBON, NEAR EMBASSY, IS NORMAL AND NO CROWDS ARE GATHERING.

5. NOW THAT COMMANDOS HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN COMMITTED, THE SITUATION COULD RESOLVE ITSELF ONE WAY OR ANOTHER FAIRLY SOON. IF COMMANDOS ARE FULLY COMMITTED AND FAIL FOR ANY REASON, WE WOULD THEN ANTICIPATE LISBON COMING UNDER RADICAL CONTROL WHILE MODERATES GO NORTH. IF COMMANDOS SUCCEED, MODERATES WILL EMERGE GREATLY STRENGTHENED. AT PRESENT WE THINK ODDS ARE IN FAVOR OF THEIR SUCCESS IF COSTA GOMES DOES NOT SOMEHOW RESTRAIN THEM.

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